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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Eberhard BIERMANN and Peter TIESLER
Serial no. :
For : SHIFTING ELEMENT SYSTEM
Docket : ZAHFRI P533US

MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
The Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs 2, 4, 12, 13, 19, 20, 21 and 22 of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-22 as well as any Chapter II amended claims, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 23-44 as follows.